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REFERENCE IS MADE TO FAA SECURITY BULLETIN ACS-78-7 DTD
MARCH 16, 1978.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION
THAT THE NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NARITA) WILL OPEN ON

MAY 20. HOWEVER, THE RADICALS, FARMERS, AND OTHER PROTESTERS STILL SEEK TO PREVENT THAT OPENING.

ARMED WITH NEW SECURITY LEGISLATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS INSTITUTED DRASTIC MEASURES TO ASSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE AIRPORT AND ITS USERS FROM FURTHER VIOLENCE SUCH AS THAT WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 26. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES THAT, IN GENERAL, REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, AIR CARRIERS AND PILOT GROUPS BELIEVE THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSURE SAFETY OF OPERATIONS. FURTHER, OPPOSITION LEADER, ISSAKU TOMURA, HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO INVOLVE AIRLINE PASSENGERS IN THE FIGHT. THAT STATEMENT WAS QUALIFIED, HOWEVER, BY THE REMARK THAT ONCE THE AIRPORT WAS OPENED PEOPLE COULD BECOME INVOLVED IN SOME ACTION BY ACCIDENT.

WHILE THE POSSIBILITY OF AIRCRAFT SABOTAGE EXISTS, THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR DANGER TO AIRLINES, THEIR PASSENGERS AND CREWS, IS IN THE REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA) TERRORIST GROUP MAY HIJACK AN AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF THE RADICALS. INTERNATIONAL AIR CARRIERS IN JAPAN HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE POLICE THAT THE JRA'S ORIGINAL PLAN TO HIJACK AN AIRCRAFT DESTINED FOR NARITA WAS POSTPONED WHEN THE OPENING DATE WAS DELAYED; HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED THEY MIGHT PLAN A SIMILAR SCHEME AFTER THE MAY 20 OPENING. FOLLOWING A JRA STATEMENT OF SUPPORT IN MARCH, TOMURA WAS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: "OUR PRINCIPLE IS TO UNITE WITH EVERYBODY WHO OFFERS HELP. OUR STRUGGLE WILL GO ON. I CAN'T TELL HOW MANY YEARS. OUR GOAL IS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO MAKE THE AIRPORT UNOPERATIONAL."

FAA COMMENT: IN THE SCREENING AND OBSERVATION OF BOARDING PASSENGERS, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT NON-JAPANESE INDIVIDUALS MIGHT BE RECRUITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A HIJACKING ATTEMPT. ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE, THE COOPERATION AND ALLIANCES AMONGST TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED. ACCORDINGLY, FAA RECOMMENDS THAT ALL U.S. FLAG CARRIERS INSTITUTE SPECIAL SUPERVISORY AND MONITORING MEASURES TO INSURE THAT ALL PASSENGER/CARRY-ON BAGGAGE SCREENING IS EXTREMELY THOROUGH DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 20 THRU JUNE 4. SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ALL STATIONS IN THE ASIAN GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

FOR STATE: REQUEST INFORMATION BE PASSES TO POSTS AT SEOUL, TAIPEI, LIMA, STOCKHOLM, PARIS, BONN, BRUSSELS, THE HAUGE, LONDON. HOST GOVERNMENT CARRIERS CONDUCT OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND JAPAN. IT IS REQUESTED THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS BE INFORMED OF FAA RECOMMENDATIONS TO U.S. FLAG CARRIERS. FOREIGN CARRIERS SUBJECT TO CFR 14, 129.25 WILL BE COPIED THIS INFORMATION BY TELEX. FOR ALL REGIONAL 700'S: PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ALL U.S. CARRIERS WITHIN YOUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

FOR ATA: PASS TO SECURITY OFFICERS OF MEMBER AIRLINES.

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